Sl. No.	Name	Year
21.	Shri M.G. Ramachandran (Posthumous)	1988
22.	Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar (Posthumous)	1990
23.	Dr. Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela	1990
24.	Shri Morarji Ranchhodji Desai	1991
25.	Shri Rajiv Gandhi (Posthumous)	1991
26.	Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (Posthumous)	1991
27.	Shri Jehangir Ratanji Dadabhai Tata	1992
28.	Shri Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (Posthumous)	1992
29.	Shri Satyajit Ray	1992
30.	Smt. Aruna Asaf Ali (Posthumous)	1997
31.	Shri Gulzari Lal Nanda	1997
32.	Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam	1997
33.	Smt. M.S. Subbulakshmi	1998
34.	Shri C. Subramaniam	1998

Export of Handloom and Powerloom Products from Orissa

*509. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the handicrafts, handlooms and powerloom products from Orissa which are being exported at present;

(b) the countries to which these products have been exported during the last three years, and foreign exchanges earned thereby;

(c) whether there is a vast scope to increase the production and export of these items; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in tl regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILI (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (According to available information t handicrafts and handlooms produ exported from Orissa include Dhok Casting (Artmetalware), Puri Umbre (Applique work), tie & dye sarees a made-ups Orissa had only 0.23% registered Powerlooms in the country on 31.3.1997 with almost no exports Powerlooms products from the State members of Powerloom Development Export Promotion Council.

(b) State-wise export figures to vario countries are not maintained. Howeve EU member states, USA, Canada a Japan are the major importers of Indi Handlooms, Handicrafts and Powerloor products.

(c) Yes, Sir. There is considerab scope for increasing production a exports of these products from Ind including the State of Orissa.

(d) Government has been taking number of steps to increase tl production and export of handloom handicrafts and and powerlooms item These include design & developmen training, marketing support research an development including market researc and product development, participatio in buyer-seller meets and fairs/both i India and abroad.

Employment Opportunities for Women i Madhya Pradesh

*510. SHRI RAGHAVJI: will th Minister of RURAL AREAS ANI EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of different project undertaken by the Government t provide employment to unskilled/skille rural women of Madhya Pradesh durin the preceding three years;

(b) whether Madhya Prades Government have requested fo

:arance/acceptance of its own schemes
: assistance in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE INISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND MPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA ATIL): (a) The Ministry of Rural Areas d Employment is implementing various hemes namely Jawahar Rozgar Yojana RY), Employment Assurance Scheme AS), Integrated Rural Development ogramme (IRDP), Development of omen & Child in Rural Areas WCRA) and Training of Youth for lf Employment (TRYSEM) for neration of employment opportunities roughout the country including Madhya adesh for rural poor with special iphasis on women, Under JRY 30% d under IRDP 40% of the employment portunities are to be provided to omen. The DWCRA specially targets omen through group approach for nerating self-employment portunities. Besides, during 1993-94 a oject entitled "Sustainable employment r women in 20 selected villages of adhya Pradesh was sanctioned at a total st of Rs. 87.50 lakhs to Mahila Chetna anch, Bhopal, an NGO and by the end May, 1998 78.42% of funds have been ilised.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

lisappropriation of Central Funds in the Gorkha Hill Council

*511. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the linister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased state:

(a) whether Government had received ny complaint regarding misappropriation f Central Funds in the Gorkha Hill ouncil; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the ction taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) An all Party delegation led by Shri Dawa Lama Member of Parliament, met Union Home Minister and submitted a Memorandum requesting the Government to look into allegations regarding financial irregularities and misappropriation of central funds by the Gorkha Hill Council.

2. The Memorandum highlighted mainly the following issues:—

(1) The unlawful activities of Shri Subhash Ghisingh.

(2) Misappropriation of public funds by the Chairman of Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council.

(3) Need for a separate State of Gorkhaland.

3. A copy of the Memorandum has been sent to the Government of West Bengal for taking action on the issues raised.

Licence for Keeping a Wireless Set

*512. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a common man is required to obtain a licence for keeping a wireless set;

(b) if so, what is the procedure for obtaining such a licence; and

(c) the number of persons who have been issued wireless licences, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An application in the prescribed format is to be submitted to the Wireless Planning & Coordination Wing of the Ministry of Communications. On successful completion of technical and adminsitrative examination, licence is granted for the wireless sets after receipt of requisite fees.

(c) The information is given in the attached Statement.